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HEARING re Debtors' Motion for an Order, Pursuant to 11 U.S.C.
Section 363(b) and Rule 9019 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy
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Electric Company, Delta Energy Center, LLC and Los Medanos
Energy Center, LLC

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(c) Granting Related Relief

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Debtors and Turlock Irrigation District

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Company, as Indenture Trustee

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(Beneficial Certificate Holder Claims Related to
Rumford/Tiverton Financing, Beneficial Noteholder Claims,
Equity Interest Claims, Hybrid Equity Interest/Beneficial
Noteholder Claims and Unspecified Equity Interest/Beneficial
Noteholder Claims)

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HEARING re Debtors' Twelfth Omnibus Objection to Proofs of
Claim (Amended/Replaced Claims, No Liability Claims,
Duplicative Claims, Claims to be Adjusted, Wrong Debtor Claims
to be Adjusted, Claims Filed by the Fireman's Fund Insurance
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HEARING re Debtors' Limited Objection to Convertible Noteholder
Claims

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HEARING re Adversary Proceeding 1-07-01760, Calpine Corporation
v. Rosetta Resources, Pre-Trial Conference

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MR. KIESELSTEIN: Your Honor, good morning again.

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Mark Kieselstein on behalf of the debtors. Your Honor, this

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takes us to item 11 on the agenda, the debtors' limited

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objection to certain of the convertible noteholder claims.

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Your Honor, before we launch into the hearing, there are a

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couple of speeded issues, if you will, about the appropriate

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scope of the hearing today, which was the subject of a call

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among the parties yesterday and unfortunately we were unable to

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resolve the two issues. We did resolve one of three.

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Your Honor, the issues are these. The debtors are of

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the belief that now is an appropriate time to take up the

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question of mandatory subordination under Section 510(b) of the

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Bankruptcy Code. That is to say, although we are not getting

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into the quantum of damages in today's hearing, we do believe

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it's appropriate and helpful to our process to understand the

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Court's view on whether or not any claim that might be

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cognizable would be at the level of one's secured claim or

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would be subordinated pursuant to 510(b) to the level of

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equity. We did brief that issue in our opening brief, several

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pages worth, and we further expanded on that in our reply. We

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understand the position of the convertible noteholders that it

1 seemed procedurally inappropriate at this time to go forth with
2 the subordination in question because that purportedly requires
3 a formal adversary proceeding. Your Honor, in our reply we
4 cited -- actually, a case of Your Honor's where a request for
5 subordination joined a claim objection and was treated as a de
6 facto adversary proceeding. We think that is appropriate here
7 as well.

8 You know, we would also note, Your Honor, that given
9 the belated nature of the filing of the claims to sort of stand
10 on procedural niceties -- and , again, we don't think they
11 apply here but to stand on procedural niceties to further
12 attenuate these proceedings only augments the prejudice to the
13 debtor and we ought to get to this question right away.

14 Your Honor, the other issue in dispute is -- the
15 scope of the hearing is the question of the size of the claim.
16 We again are not going to quant the damages for purposes of
17 today's hearing; however, the issue of prejudice in terms of
18 the belated nature of the amendment or the new claim depending
19 on how one characterizes it turns -- and we believe it's
20 impacted by the potential size of the claim. We made a
21 reference in our brief, our reply brief, to the fact that these
22 claims could amount to hundreds of millions of dollars.
23 Candidly, the noteholders have said in their papers that they
24 believe the claims are material and substantial despite
25 repeated requests not shared with us the range of claims they

1 actually think exist under their theories. Again, we think
2 it's an important and relevant issue on the question of
3 prejudice. For lack of a better term, size matters when it
4 comes to prejudice and related claims. So we think these
5 ref -- we think talking about this is appropriate albeit we're
6 not getting into any formal evidentiary wave of quantum
7 damages. We're really only repeating things we've heard from
8 noteholders in non-408 segments. So again, we think it's
9 relevant for discussion today preliminarily.

10 MS. BECKERMAN: Good morning, Your Honor, Lisa
11 Beckerman on behalf of the creditors' committee. We obviously
12 concur with Mr. Kieselstein edition here. In our papers, we
13 have also raised the issue of the late filed nature of the
14 claims as well as whether they are untimely amendments. And as
15 Your Honor knows, under the second circuit test that would be
16 applicable to those, one of the issues that does have to be
17 considered by the Court in determining those issues is the
18 prejudice which does look at the size of the claims. I think
19 in our papers we have also said that the claims could be as
20 much as up to a billion dollars from our understanding, Your
21 Honor, and that therefore they're very sizable as well.

22 Our concern is that the -- what the respondents here
23 are trying to do, the convertible claim holders, is to take a
24 position that Your Honor could not rule at this point on the
25 issue that we both raised in our papers and the debtors raised

1 in their papers that the claim should be denied on the basis
2 that they were untimely filed, either as untimely filed new
3 claims or untimely filed amendments. And the reason that the
4 convertible debt holders have argued that we can't refer to
5 even things as there being in a very large size range that
6 we've been told would obviously mean that they would be in a
7 position of trying to tell Your Honor that that matter would
8 have to await an evidentiary hearing or something till we show
9 you the actual amount of it. And we find that to be a delay
10 tactic, very distressing, and we think that the burden is on
11 them under the second circuit test to come forward and
12 demonstrate that there isn't prejudice to the estate and we've
13 obviously been told that these claims are very substantial.

14 I don't think that if they thought these claims were
15 one dollar, Your Honor, we would have been filing all these
16 papers and litigating about them today. So I confer with Mr.
17 Kieselstein's point that I think we at least have to be able to
18 represent that it's our understanding that they could very
19 large and therefore quite prejudicial to the estate in the
20 argument. And to be barred from doing that, having to await an
21 evidentiary hearing, I think they would be trying to use their
22 decision to file a claim without an amount is a shield for us
23 being able to, you know, oppose the claims on a very legitimate
24 basis that they're late filed.

25 And so we'd obviously ask that we be able to be heard

1 at least to the extent of just saying that we believe the
2 claims are very substantial and could be in these ranges that
3 we're talking about.

4 MR. DUNNE: Your Honor, may I stream on this because
5 I think we're arguing over something that's not in dispute
6 instead of hearing the same point again from Mr. Kaplan. It's
7 really -- Your Honor, if I may, it's Mr. Dunne from Milbank
8 Tweed Hadley & McCloy on behalf of clients who hold the 6%
9 convertible notes. We are not disputing that they can make a
10 representation that we believe at an evidentiary hearing we
11 will ultimately be able to prove damages in the hundreds of
12 millions of dollars. We've also agreed that we're not having
13 that evidentiary hearing today. The facts are not actually
14 before you. They believe it's much less than a hundred million
15 dollars. Our only point was --

16 THE COURT: You're describing the elephant in the
17 room?

18 MR. DUNNE: Right.

19 THE COURT: Okay. We've got an elephant in the room.

20 MR. DUNNE: Exactly. That --

21 THE COURT: It's got a hundred million plus on its
22 hide. Okay.

23 MR. DUNNE: Exactly.

24 THE COURT: That's what everybody wanted to know.
25 How about a billion?

1 MR. DUNNE: Well, for the sixes -- it's not a billion
2 for the sixes, but hundreds of millions.

3 THE COURT: Half a billion?

4 MR. DUNNE: Could be.

5 THE COURT: Could be? Okay.

6 MR. KAPLAN: Your Honor, the only thing I just wanted
7 to note was that in the Enron decision the second circuit
8 actually specifically addressed this and specifically said the
9 size -- at the same time, however, the size of the claim cannot
10 be irrelevant to the analysis. And some parts are taken into
11 account whether allowance of a late claim would jeopardize the
12 success. So the second circuit itself has looked at it and
13 said you cannot say that the size of the claim is simply
14 relevant for these purposes.

15 MR. HANSEN: Your Honor, it's Kris Hansen at Stroock
16 on behalf of the certain seven and three-quarter percent
17 noteholders. I think we're all in agreement here that
18 references can be made to the size of the claim. The point
19 that we had yesterday in our conference call was that for Your
20 Honor to make a decision --

21 THE COURT: You know, folks, I'm not interested in
22 your conference call. I'm only interested in what you before
23 me. You didn't include me in your conference call, number one.
24 Number two, you filed a ton of papers before me and I've gone
25 through them and I'm prepared to react as any judge would do

1 with respect to papers that have been submitted before him.
2 The gamesmanship that goes on here. To find out just the size
3 of the elephant in the room, you should have come to that
4 conclusion on your telephone call and not burden everybody with
5 it now. I now know I'm dealing with a very, very large sum of
6 money in the view of some of the claimants. Eleventh hour
7 filed claims, as a matter of fact.

8 MR. DUNNE: Your Honor, may I address the other
9 aspects of Mr. Kieselstein's remarks which went to
10 subordination and the appropriateness of getting into that
11 today?

12 THE COURT: Well, that's been put in with all the
13 papers so I'll deal with it.

14 MR. DUNNE: That's right. I'm prepared to address it
15 in the order that --

16 THE COURT: Fine. If you put it in your papers, you
17 intend for -- to react to it.

18 MR. KIESELSTEIN: Your Honor, with that, I'll launch
19 into my remarks which will be brief, Your Honor. Your Honor,
20 with their other worldly convertible valued claims, these
21 creditors, Your Honor, boldly but belatedly go where no other
22 creditor has ever gone before, Your Honor. But these claims
23 are riddled with procedural and substantive defects and you
24 received exhaustive and I'm sure exhausting briefing, Your
25 Honor, so I only intend to briefly review --

1 THE COURT: Again, the court reporter is not here.
2 So I'm going to ask you to speak up.

3 MR. KIESELSTEIN: Sure. I apologize.

4 THE COURT: It's a microphone that's picking you up
5 and I'm not sure it's doing its job. Can you tell?

6 MR. KIESELSTEIN: Well, the levels --

7 THE COURT: The levels are all right?

8 MR. KIESELSTEIN: Yeah.

9 THE COURT: Okay, good. They've gone down?

10 MR. KIESELSTEIN: Well, they're going up and down but
11 other than that --

12 THE COURT: Will you point to who's quiet so they can
13 raise their voice?

14 MR. KIESELSTEIN: Your Honor, I'm going to move
15 physically closer to the microphone. Hopefully, that will
16 assist. I apologize for the sidelong glance, Your Honor.

17 Your Honor, as I was saying, you've received
18 exhaustive and probably exhausting briefing so I only want to
19 briefly review a few of the key issues. First, Your Honor, on
20 the timeliness question, we've set out in our papers that there
21 obviously is an issue about whether these amendments which no
22 one disputes were filed many months after the bar date relate
23 back to the original proofs of claim that were filed or whether
24 they are entirely new claims, Your Honor. For purposes of
25 figuring out whether or not they relate back, Your Honor, the

1 Courts have talked about whether the amendment is a
2 clarification of the original proof of claim. Whether it was a
3 correction of an error in the original proof of claim or
4 whether it laid out an alternative theory seeking the same
5 recovery as the original claim. Clearly, this proof of claim
6 on this novel theory or this amendment doesn't fit any of those
7 categories. Now there's been some talk in the papers about
8 this transaction test, i.e., does the claim arise out of the
9 same transaction? But that issue is really a proxy for whether
10 or not the debtors were put on notice that this claim was
11 coming. And in fact, we were blind sighted by this claim
12 because such a claim has never been previously asserted, Your
13 Honor.

14 On the question of prejudice, that is, even if one
15 were to say, yes, it relates back, there's still a
16 determination of whether it's equitable to consider the
17 claim or not. Here, Your Honor, there is obvious prejudice.
18 We've just heard that the claim may amount to the hundreds of
19 millions of dollars. This, while we are frantically attempting
20 to put together a guaranteed distribution plan, hit our January
21 31, 2008 exit date all with the shadow of the expiration of
22 exclusivity looming over us, Your Honor. And as we've talked
23 about the prejudice which already exists is burgeoning on a
24 daily basis because we repeatedly asked how much is the claim
25 and we can't get a straight answer to that question. So as we

1 go further into these negotiations, we're further handicapped
2 by not knowing the scope of what we're dealing with or the size
3 of the elephant.

4 In terms of the other factor is what was the
5 justification for delay, here there was no justification for
6 delay. Some of the creditors say, well, we didn't know how we
7 were going to be treated under our plan. But it doesn't work
8 that way, Your Honor. Creditors don't file claims based on a
9 plan. Debtors file a plan based on claims. And the bar date
10 matters. It's not just a day on a bureaucrat's calendar, Your
11 Honor. It's critically important and numerous cases have
12 recognized that.

13 Certainly, the other creditors candidly concede that
14 the increased value of the estate made it worth their while to
15 log in these claims when they did. But the bar date is not
16 resurrected and no safe harbor is created on the other side of
17 the bar date simply because the debtors' estate is perceived to
18 having increased in value. Under their theory, they had the
19 claim the day we filed for Chapter 11. They had it the day the
20 original bar date became due. They chose not to file it until
21 much, much later.

22 Your Honor, turning to the merits, I think we have to
23 return to first principles of convertible debentures. The
24 convertible notes permit alternative forms of recovery that are
25 mutually exclusive. Two ways of obtaining a return on one's

1 investment. Either principal and interest or conversion to
2 stock, not both. One or the other, whether in bankruptcy or
3 out. Now, the holders argue that the inden -- there are
4 independent rights to both in this situation. That is, an
5 independent right to the P&I and an independent right to the
6 conversion privilege. But here, those rights are wholly
7 interdependent, not independent and conjoined. Once a bond is
8 converted, it obviously no longer exists. And the only way to
9 get stock is to convert a bond. So these are mutually
10 exclusive. Notwithstanding the fact that they've asserted a
11 claim for both P&I and for the conversion privilege. That's a
12 metaphysical impossibility inside bankruptcy or out, Your
13 Honor.

14 The fact that the pre-default -- they're pre-default.
15 The bonds could be converted for a combination of cash and
16 stock -- doesn't change this basic truth. Those rights are
17 interlinked; they don't operate independently and they don't
18 create dual claims, Your Honor. For that reason alone, the
19 conversion privilege claims are subsumed and consumed by the
20 P&I claims previously filed by the holders and purported to be
21 allowed under our waterfall plan. We don't dispute basic P&I.
22 Those claims are well established.

23 Your Honor, it would be different if the lender,
24 let's say, loaned a thousand dollars to a borrower, got back
25 800 dollars in bond and 200 dollars in warrants. And we talk

1 about it in A Choc Full O'Nuts case, there was -- the second
2 circuit recognized, there was such a beast. You could have an
3 instrument that had those two separate independent features.
4 But that's not our facts. That's not what we have here, Your
5 Honor.

6 Further, even if we looked away from the timeliness
7 issue, even if we ignored the fundamental nature of convertible
8 indentures, here the conversion privilege expired by its terms
9 before it was ever exercised and that was because under the
10 terms of the indentures, when the debtor filed for bankruptcy
11 the maturity by contract was accelerated. There was
12 acceleration. All P&I was due immediately and the indentures
13 also provide that one day prior to maturity conversion
14 privilege goes away.

15 So, Your Honor, here we have automatic acceleration
16 under the agreement. We have maturity lower case and that
17 terminates the conversion privilege. Now the holders argue
18 that maturity doesn't mean maturity. They argue that lower
19 case maturity should be read to mean stated maturity which is a
20 defined term in the indentures and basically means the original
21 stated maturity on the cover of the indentures, 2014, 2023,
22 whatever it is. But if that were the case, it would have been
23 simple enough to say "stated maturity" rather than have lower
24 case maturity and we all know the common sense in the
25 dictionary definition of maturity for these purposes is when

1 all the principal and interest comes due and payable. And
2 that's how these indentures operated. So that's on December
3 20th, 2005, Your Honor. Under the documents, the conversion
4 privilege had vaporized.

5 And what then of Section 1015(d) which the holders
6 purport to make much of, Your Honor? That provision purports
7 to allow the conversion privilege to survive post-bankruptcy.
8 Well, in the first instance, Your Honor, the way the holders
9 interpret 10.15(d) would be to obliterate the other provisions
10 that I just discussed, the maturity provision, the acceleration
11 provision and we all know it's a basic rule of contract
12 instruction that when two provisions may appear to be at odds
13 with each other, it's the duty of the Court to attempt to
14 harmonize them in a way that does violence to neither, Your
15 Honor. Here, there are -- it's not difficult at all to
16 harmonize these two provisions. There are two ways that jump
17 to mind. First, if but only if the pre-conditions to
18 conversion had occurred pre-bankruptcy, one could read 1015(d)
19 to say that the conversion privilege survived, albeit modified
20 to provide for conversion only to stock and not to cash and
21 stock. Similarly, one can read 1015(d) to say that if the
22 conversion privilege was in the process of being exercised and
23 there was an intervening bankruptcy, then the conversion
24 privilege again would be honored albeit by converting to stock
25 not to cash and stock. And I would note that the process for

1 actually converting the bonds is quite complicated under the
2 documents. 10.02 talks about to convert a hol -- a note, the
3 holder must complete and manually sign the irrevocable
4 conversion notes, deliver them to the conversion agent, deliver
5 the note to the conversion agent, furnish appropriate
6 endorsement and transfer documents, pay any transfer or other
7 taxes, if the note is held in book entry form, complete and
8 deliver the depositary, appropriate instructions pursuant to
9 the applicable procedures. When all of those things are
10 satisfied, you then have the conversion date thereafter. The
11 debtor would have four business days or not less than four
12 business days to actually go ahead and process the conversion,
13 deliver the cash, deliver the stock.

14 So one could imagine that there could be quite a
15 lengthy process and if a bankruptcy were to enter midstream,
16 one could certainly read 1015(d) to say fine, we're going to go
17 ahead and allow that process to be finished up, again, albeit
18 the currency of stock only.

19 So, Your Honor, we think it's rather easy to
20 harmonize those provisions without a disarray in the maturity
21 provision of the documents or the acceleration provision of the
22 documents.

23 I would also note that the holders here did not
24 bargain for any compensation if the conversion privilege were
25 to be terminated by the terms of the documents. In essence,

1 the equivalent of a pre-payment premium for early payment. No
2 such provision was put in the documents here; however, the
3 convertible holders would like the Court to create one for
4 their benefit. That is to say, treat (d) like a bondholder,
5 you know, without a pre-payment premium but that got paid early
6 and therefore didn't have its expectations met. And I think,
7 Your Honor, this goes to the phenomena we talked about a little
8 bit ago which is the noteholders want to be in the band guard
9 of the CalGen revolution, Your Honor. They want to be at the
10 front of the dashed expectations parade and the way they're
11 doing it is to latch on to these documents and create a right
12 that does not exist anywhere within the four corners, Your
13 Honor.

14 But even if one, Your Honor, were to ignore the
15 untimeliness issue, the nature of convertible debt holders --
16 debt instruments, the fact that the documents provided that the
17 conversion privilege expired by its terms, the lack of any
18 contractual provision granting such a right post-conversion,
19 there still would be no basis for a claim for damages here
20 because it's undisputed that the pre-conditions for conversion
21 never transpired. These conversion rights were always under
22 water. They were always out the money and pursuant to 502 of
23 the Code, when claims are fixed as of the petition date, if
24 you've got an out of the money option put/warrant thing of that
25 nature, then you have basically got a cognizable claim in

1 bankruptcy. Now that is not to say that there might be some
2 third party out there that says underwater warrants with a ten-
3 year term, underwater conversion privileges with a ten-year
4 term, I'll pay money for that, that's worth something. It may
5 even be worth more than par depending on what other comparable
6 investments are out there.

7 But that's a distinction that's critical. What you
8 can get from the secondary market is not something you can
9 necessarily assert against the debtor. The debtor is not a
10 backstop for the secondary market and convertible debt
11 instruments. And the fact that the privilege has gone away or
12 is terminated and you can't go pedal that to some third party,
13 again, that gives rise to no claim against the debtor. 502
14 tells us that. And the Einstein/Noah case, the other cases
15 we've cited stand for the proposition that an underwater equity
16 type instrument whether it's embedded in a contract or anywhere
17 else does not give rise to a claim when it's out of the water
18 on day 1.

19 Finally, Your Honor -- trying to edit my comments
20 down -- the subordination issue, Your Honor. Even if one
21 ignores tardiness, the only other things I've talked about,
22 it's clear that any claim arising from this loss of the
23 conversion privilege which is, after all, is nothing more than
24 the right to buy stock with bonds. Any damages that would
25 arise from that would clearly be subject to mandatory

1 subordination under Section 510(b) of the Code. It's clear
2 from the case law that 510(b) is broadly construed. There does
3 not have to be an actual sale or purchase of a security. If
4 there's a contract that provides for the prospect of a purchase
5 of a security and the actions of a debtor or the intervention
6 of bankruptcy take away that right even though never exercised,
7 the damages that would arise from that clearly fall within the
8 ambit of Section 510. As Judge Gonzales noted in WorldCom, all
9 of these instruments, puts/warrants options, conversion
10 privileges are really just the ability to participate in the
11 success of the enterprise. And it should go without saying
12 that the converse is equally true. One looking to have a right
13 to invest in the success of the enterprise takes a risk of the
14 failure of the enterprise as well. That's what's transpired
15 here and it does not give rise to a cognizable claim.

16 Now you'll hear the noteholders say, wait a minute,
17 510(d) expressly excludes from its workings convertible debt
18 instruments. But clearly, what that provision is meant is to
19 prevent, you know, aggressive, sneaky debtors from trying to
20 subordinate the entire P&I claim simply because it happens to
21 be under the umbrella of a convertible debt instrument. It
22 does not immunize the conversion privilege from being treated
23 as it is, as an equity claim or at the level of equity.

24 And, Your Honor, I suspect you won't hear much from
25 noteholders' counsel about independent rights, about the right

1 to P&I, right to conversion privilege when you get to the
2 subject of subordination because that puts them in a box. If
3 it's a separate right to purchase equity with bonds, then the
4 implication is clear. It's within the ambit, again, of Section
5 510(b).

6 Your Honor, I apologize for racing through that but
7 I'm happy to answer any questions the Court might have.

8 MS. BECKERMAN: Your Honor, on behalf of -- Lisa
9 Beckerman from Akin Gump on behalf of the creditors' committee.
10 Your Honor, we basically think that there are three reasons why
11 these claims should be denied. And one is that contractually,
12 we don't think that they're entitled to the claims and I think
13 our papers have dealt with that and I'll just touch on a couple
14 points that are hopefully slightly different from Mr.
15 Kieselstein's.

16 Second, we don't think that even within the ambit of
17 your CalGen decision that we have before the Court and the
18 context of expectation damages that there would be such
19 expectation damages that would be awarded here or due here or
20 should be claimed here because the contract doesn't provide
21 them with the expectation that would be necessary to allow them
22 to have such a claim.

23 And last, of course, we'll touch on the timeliness
24 issue that we've already spoken about a little bit earlier in
25 the hearing.

1 Your Honor, the indenture is very clear that when
2 there's a bankruptcy filing there is an automatic acceleration
3 and the principal and interest becomes due. I think in a
4 circumstance like this where you have a convertible debenture
5 that that was intentional. That the document itself limits
6 itself to the principal and interest becoming due. It doesn't
7 suggest that there's anything else that comes due. And it's
8 because these securities, as Mr. Kieselstein, I think, has
9 mentioned, you having a unique feature in the sense that you
10 are a debt holder and you get principal and interest and you're
11 treated like a creditor until such time as your conversion
12 privileges become great, if they ever do under your document,
13 and then if you, yourself, voluntarily elect to actually
14 convert at that point, then you exchange your note to become an
15 equity holder or, outside of bankruptcy, perhaps for cash.

16 Here, we have a situation where the indenture treats
17 them in a situation where there's a bankruptcy filing like
18 every other creditor would be. You get principal, you get
19 interest, that's what you get. As Mr. Kieselstein pointed out,
20 obviously the language of the indenture itself doesn't seem to
21 imply in any way that there would have been some other claim
22 that would have been available based on unripe conversion
23 rights. And that's what we had here, Your Honor. We had,
24 under Section 10.01, which is the actual section of the
25 indenture, that does actually deal with the right to convert or

1 not, not 10.5 or 10.4, as the case may be (d). That section of
2 the indenture does say to you that you have to satisfy these
3 certain provisions, certain factual things, either relating to
4 the value of the stock, passage of dates, mergers and
5 consolidations, things that weren't in existence and hadn't
6 happened at the time of the bankruptcy filing.

7 So we have a situation where the contract itself is
8 very clear what happens to you if there's a bankruptcy filing,
9 there's the acceleration and principal and interest, and we
10 didn't have a situation we had any ripe conversion rights.
11 Well, that's important because pursuant to 502(b), obviously
12 everyone's claims that are involved in this proceeding are
13 fixed as the filing date and the language of the document
14 doesn't provide them with a claim for unripe conversion rights.
15 The language of the document provides them with principal and
16 interest. The language of the document says that the
17 conversion right couldn't be exercised after maturity and you
18 had a maturity. And the languages of the document say, along
19 with the Bankruptcy Code, that, you know, you're stuck at what
20 you had on the date of the filing. And what they had on the
21 date of the filing were unripe conversion rights that were not
22 exercisable at that point.

23 So then, you have to look at, well, how do we
24 reconcile the fact that we have this provision that the
25 respondents, that the convertible debenture holders have

1 focused on, which is this 10.14(d) and 10.15(d) depending on
2 the indenture. You know, I think that, as our papers indicate,
3 our reading of that is that if in the two indentures where it
4 discusses a situation where there is any type of default, the
5 language of that provision is limited to saying what kind of
6 form or value you would get if you did convert. And obviously,
7 outside of bankruptcy, there's no automatic acceleration, no
8 automatic situation where the notes reach maturity outside of
9 bankruptcy and, therefore, it might obviously be possible that
10 somebody would wish to exchange in a situation -- if the
11 conversion was available to them. And that's what that
12 provision allows for.

13 With respect to the 7.75 indenture, which obviously
14 does speak specifically in a 10.15(d) (2) (b) bankruptcy default
15 situation, our view is that we think that the only way to
16 reconcile that with the rest of the reading of the indenture
17 and make it make sense is in a hypothetical situation where
18 those conversion rights have been ripe at the time of the
19 filing. And that wasn't our case here.

20 The way that the convertible debenture holders want
21 to read this indenture, it would mean that you're going the
22 provision saying you get -- principal and interest become due
23 and payable. You're ignoring the situation where there's the
24 acceleration in the document. You're ignoring the fact that
25 you don't have a ripe conversion right at the time of the

1 filing under 10.01 of the document. You're ignoring the fact
2 that the document uses a term "stated maturity" to mean stated
3 maturity and therefore "maturity" must mean something else in
4 the notes, the more general (b) that we read. And it's very
5 hard to read the indenture in a way that makes sense, in a way
6 that's being argued by the convertible debenture holders. And
7 whereas we think that the reading that we've advanced or the
8 companies advanced does read the indenture the way that makes
9 sense -- yes, as you know under the case law what we all need
10 to be trying to do here.

11 In addition, because the conversion rights were not
12 ripe at the time under the cases that we've cited and Mr.
13 Kieselstein previously referred to, in Einstein and the other
14 cases, it's argued that there wouldn't be a claim that was ripe
15 at the time of the filing because it's not under -- there
16 wouldn't be a claim under the indenture and the conversion
17 rights were not ripe. This is a situation where I think you
18 see the convertible debenture holders trying to have it both
19 ways. On one hand, outside of bankruptcy, basically, they have
20 a choice where they get principal and interest, they can stay
21 as a noteholder for the entire term of the indenture if they'd
22 like to. Or, at some point, if the conversion rights are ripe
23 and they then exercise their right to choose to, they could
24 exchange their position and leave being a creditor and becoming
25 either cashed out or an equity holder outside of bankruptcy.

1 Here they're arguing that they get something in addition to
2 their rights as a creditor. That they get their rights as a
3 creditor, the principal and interest and what they're entitled
4 to just like every creditor is and they also get some kind of
5 claim for the lost conversion rate even though that's not set
6 forth in the indenture and it wasn't ripe and therefore it
7 wouldn't be a permissible claim under 502(b). In essence,
8 they're trying to get better rights in a bankruptcy than they
9 would be entitled to contractually outside of a bankruptcy.
10 And I don't think the indenture can be read that way that makes
11 sense.

12 The second point is that I don't believe that the
13 CalGen decision supports their entitlement to a claim under
14 expectation damages. First of all, this is not the situation
15 that we had in CalGen where you had somebody who had a
16 provision in their documents that provided for a payment stream
17 over time that got interrupted solely because of the bankruptcy
18 filing and the acceleration. Here, at best, you have a reading
19 where under certain circumstances, if they ever happen and then
20 if the person actually chooses to elect at that point to
21 convert, they have a right to switch over from debt to cash and
22 equity outside of bankruptcy and equity at best inside of
23 bankruptcy.

24 As of the filing date, none of the conditions pressed
25 in any indenture were met for doing that. And the indenture is

1 very clear, that you get principal and interest and you don't
2 get a claim. Based on the language of the agreement, it's hard
3 to see how the convertible debenture will just -- could have
4 had an expectation of anything but principal and interest. The
5 document itself just says that's what you're going to get.
6 There's an acceleration; that's what you're entitled to. It
7 doesn't say that you always get a conversion rate. It says
8 that you get a conversion rate if certain things happen, if
9 there isn't a maturity, if you actually choose to exercise it
10 and obviously there is no situation at the time of the filing
11 where those rights were exercisable.

12 The convertible debenture holders are sophisticated
13 parties. Section 502(b) of the Bankruptcy Code has been in
14 existence for a lot longer than the indentures. The case law
15 about automatic acceleration with respect to a bankruptcy has
16 been out there. And it's clear that if the parties had wanted
17 to preserve some kind of liquidated damages claim or other
18 right or some argument that they had an expectation to get
19 something after a bankruptcy filing other than in principal and
20 interest, the document would have to support that. And unless
21 the document supports it, I don't think your CalGen decision
22 supports the argument for that because there can't have been a
23 reasonable expectation.

24 And in addition to the contract not supporting their
25 reasonable expectation, we have a unique situation here where

1 unlike the CalGen creditors who had a contractual provision
2 that said you're going to get the stream of payments over time,
3 here you have a situation where the person under certain
4 circumstances might have a right to convert and every
5 individual noteholder has the right to decide if those
6 circumstances are even ripe if you would actually exercise
7 them. And at the time of a bankruptcy filing there is the
8 maturity and obviously the situation where the principal and
9 interest comes due. It's very hard for someone to look at the
10 reading of this contract and think that they would have had an
11 expectation of any kind of damages but furthermore to then
12 award expectation of damages assuming that every single -- that
13 these conversion rights sometime in the future would have
14 become ripe, even though there's a lot of conditions to it, and
15 then to say that every person would have exercised them. I
16 don't think that -- I think that's quite a stretch from Your
17 Honor's CalGen decision and I don't think that's supported by
18 the case law or even by the CalGen rationale. I just think
19 that they're very distinguishable.

20 The last point that I wanted to make to Your Honor is
21 the supplemental claims, as they're so-called. From our
22 perspective, these are clearly your late filed claims. These
23 are not amendments clarifying claims that were stated before.
24 What you have here is claims that have never been asserted in
25 any reported decision that we could find ourselves in the